

EROS chief earns national recognition

Allen H. Watkins, chief of the EROS Data Center, has been cited for meritorious service by the Department of Interior.

Fred Doyle, acting chief of the EROS Program in Washington, D.C., presented the citation and award to Watkins at the EROS center near Sioux Falls.

The citation reads, in part, "Under his leadership, the EROS Data Center has become the principal outlet for Landsat data both domestic and foreign, and a recognized leader for transferring remote sensing applications to the user community. For his foresight, dedication and many contributions to the remote sensing activities of our nation, the department and the Geological Survey, Mr. Watkins is granted the Meritorious Service Award of the Department of the Interior."

Watkins has been chief of the EROS Data Center since 1973. The center is a national archive and data production facility for satellite and aircraft images of the earth's land surfaces.



Allen Watkins, right, receives an award for the work he has done as chief of the EROS Data Center.